



# Sunset Reviews

## A Brief Overview

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# Purpose of Sunset Reviews

**Review statutes that are scheduled to sunset, in order to:**

- Eliminate programs/provisions that do not serve a clear public purpose
- Improve existing programs/provisions



# Guidelines for Sunset Review

## **An interim committee shall consider:**

- (a) the extent to which the statute or agency has operated in the public interest and any areas in which the statute or agency needs to improve its ability to operate in the public interest;
- (b) the extent to which existing statutes interfere with or assist the legitimate functions of the statute or agency, and any other circumstances including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters that have a bearing on the capacity of the statute or agency to serve the public interest;
- (c) the extent to which the public has been encouraged to participate in the adoption of the rules established in connection with the statute or agency;
- (d) the extent to which the statute's provisions or agency's programs and services are duplicative of those offered by other statutes or state agencies;
- (e) the extent to which the objectives of the statute or agency have been accomplished and their public benefit;
- (f) the adverse effect on the public of termination of the statute or agency; and
- (g) any other matter relevant to the review.

**Utah Code 63I-1-103**



# Questions for Sunset Review

- 1. Is the program necessary?**
- 2. Is the program accomplishing its objective?**
- 3. Are there ways to improve it?**



# Options for Sunset Review

## Option 1. “No Action”

**Allow program to expire**

# Options for Sunset Review

## Option 2. “Recommend Legislation”

**Reauthorize**



Reauthorize for specific  
amount of time  
(e.g., 5 years)

and/or



Make permanent

**Improve**